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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following Amendments and Remarks of record.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, please amend the TITLE as follows:

Change "THIRD PARTY CREDIT ACCOUNT" to -- ALLOWANCE CARD OR

ACCOUNT --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 29-59, without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 62, 63, 65, 67 and 71 as follows: